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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

<u>Document No.</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Country</u>
62139071	June 22, 1987	Japan
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GB 2 302 976	February 5, 1997	United Kingdom
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All of these references were cited in an European Search Report for a corresponding European application. A copy of the European search report is enclosed. English language abstracts for the two Japanese documents are enclosed.

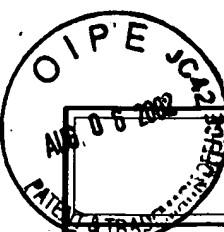
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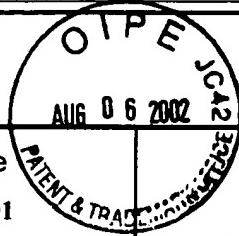
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